(a) the number of iron ore mines in Orissa, district-wise;

(b) the approximate deposit of different grade of iron ore in these mines;

(c) whether steps have been taken to modernise some of these mines:

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what steps have been taken to revive the sick iron ore mines in Orissa ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND *MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE* OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI) :

(a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

Expansion of Hotel Network by IDTC

3487. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the India Tourism Development Corportion has any proposal to expand its hotel network during the Eighth Plan period;

(b) if so, what are the name of the States where ITDC proposes to expand its existing hotels and also to set up new hotels;

(c) whether ITDC has any proposal to undertake its expansion programme in Orissa during the Eighth Plan period: and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK) : (a) and (b) ITDC is presently implementing the following projects :

Expansion of its existing properties	Name of State
1. Hotel Jaipur Ashok by adding 37 rooms	Rajasthan
2. Ashok Radisson Beach Resort Kovalam by adding 72 rooms	Kerala
3. Travellers Lodge at Manali by adding 22 rooms and its conversion into a hotel New Project	Himachal Pradesh
Hotel at Gulmarg (31 rooms) . .	Jammu & Kashmir

(c) The draft Eight Five Year Plan of ITDC does not include any such proposal in the State of Orissa .

(d) Does not arise.

Exploration of Bauxite Deposits in Orissa

3488. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the approximate bauxite deposit in Orissa;

(b) what are the places where bauxite mines are located;

(c) whether steps have been taken by Government to explore bauxite from these mines mechanically; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI) :

(a) The total estimated reserve of bauxite in Orissa is 1,370.45 million tonnes.

(b) There are two operating mines in the State of Orissa located at Panchpatmali in Koraput district and at Kusumdih in Sundergarh district.

(c) and (d) The National Aluminium Company Ltd., a Central Government Public Sector Undertaking is working the bauxite mine at Panchpatmali with an installed capacity of 2.4 million tonnes per annum. This is a fully mechanised mine.

Commercial production in this mine started in January, 1987. The actual production in 1989 was 2.04 million tonnes.

Payment of Bonus to the Central Government Employees

3489. SHRI CHANDAN SHARMA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the proposal to pay Bonus to the Central Government employees for the year 1989-90 is under consideration of Government; and

(b) if so, by when a decision thereon is likely to be taken?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A decision is likely to be taken shortly.

Confirmed Demands of Central Excise pending against M/s. ITC Ltd.

3490. SHRI RAMSINGH RATHWA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the following confirmed demands pertaining to Central excise are pending against M/s. ITC Ltd., at present :—

(i) Rs. 143.22 crores by Collector, Central Excise, Bangalore.

(ii) Rs. 23.20 crores by Collector, Central Excise, Calcutta.

(iii) Rs. 41.50 crores by Collector, Excise, Bombay.

(iv) Rs. 26.43 crores by Collector, Central Excise, Meerut

(v) Rs. 0.47 crores by Collector, Central Excise, Calcutta

(vi) Rs. 80.30 crores by Astt. Collector, Central Excise, Saharanpur.

(vii) Rs. 27.58 crores by Astt. Collector, Central Excise, Bangalore.

(viii) Rs. 2.40 crores by Astt. Collector, Central Excise, Bangalore.

(ix) Rs. 2.51 crores by Astt. Collector, Central Excise, Patna; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken/is being taken on each of the above mentioned confirmed demands?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. Out of the demands mentioned only four are confirmed demands. A statement showing the details and action taken/being taken on each of these confirmed demands is enclosed. (*see* below).

Statement

S. No	Amount of Confirmed Demand	Collectorate of Central Excise	Action taken/being taken
1	2	3	4
	(Rs. in crores)		
1.	27.58	Bangalore	The recovery has been stayed by Madras High Court. Action has been taken to move the Court for early hearing and the Advocate General of Tamil Nadu has been engaged for defending the case.
2.	2.40	Bangalore	The case is pending before CEGAT. Special counsel has been engaged to defend the case.
3.	2.51	Patna	On account of requantification of differential duty in the light of adjudication order passed by DGI, C & CE, New Delhi the demand for differential duty was raised to Rs. 8.29